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Office Action Summary

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HOLLOWAY ET AL.

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 July 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 18 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 24 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17, 19-23 and 25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 07 February 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 16 is objected to because of the following informalities: in line 3, "a has an inverted cup cover" should be changed to --has an inverted cup cover--. Appropriate correction is required.
2. Claim 6 is objected to because of the following informalities: in line 1, "a system" should be changed to --the system--. Appropriate correction is required.
3. Claim 17 is objected to because of the following informalities: in lines 1-2, "said harmonic suppression filter" should be changed to --said suppression filter--.
Appropriate correction is required.
4. Claims 19-21 are objected to because of the following informalities: in lines 1-2, "said harmonic suppression filter" should be changed to --said suppression filter--.
Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
6. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
7. Claim 3 recites the limitation "the second filter section" in lines 7-8 or line 9.
There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

8. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

9. Claims 1-2, 4-9, 12-17, 22-23 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Stites et al. (U.S. Patent No.5,610,620).

Regarding claim 1, Stites et al. teaches in figures 1-4 an aircraft antenna (10), comprising: an aerodynamic housing structured (74) for attachment to an outer surface of an aircraft (See Abstract); a system [18, 19) in the housing, the system having an electromagnetic radiator (54, 20) and being tuned over a first band of frequencies potentially to produce secondary radiations in at least a second band of frequencies; the system having a suppression filter (i.e. notch filter, See FIG. 4) effective at frequency of the secondary radiations; the suppression filter including a band pass filter [70, 66].

Regarding claim 2, Stites et al. teaches in figures 1-4 an aircraft antenna (10) as in claim 1, wherein the secondary radiations include harmonics of frequencies in the first band and the suppression filter is a harmonic suppression filter of the harmonics (See FIG. 4).

Regarding claim 4, Stites et al. teaches in figures 1-4 an aircraft antenna (10) as in claim 1, wherein the suppression filter is a low pass filter [62, 55].

Regarding claim 5, Stites et al. teaches in figures 1-4 an aircraft antenna (10) as in claim 2, wherein the second band of frequencies includes the frequencies of GPS (i.e. GPS patch element/radiator).

Regarding claim 6, Stites et al. teaches in figures 1-4 an aircraft antenna (10)

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as in claim 5, wherein the system [18, 19] includes a capacitance compensating inductor [66, 70] at the input of the harmonic suppression filter.

Regarding claim 7, Stites et al. teaches in figures 1-4 an aircraft antenna (10) as in claim 2, wherein the suppression filter is a band pass filter [70, 66].

Regarding claim 8, Stites et al. teaches in figures 1-4 an aircraft antenna (10) as in claim 2, wherein harmonic suppression filter includes discrete components (See FIG. 4).

Regarding claim 9, Stites et al. teaches in figures 1-4 an aircraft antenna (10) as in claim 8, wherein the harmonic suppression filter includes a distributed component filter (See FIG. 4).

Regarding claim 12, Stites et al. teaches in figures 1-4 an aircraft antenna (10) as in claim 1, wherein the system (18, 19) includes a second electromagnetic radiator (20) in the housing (74) and tuned over the second band of frequencies.

Regarding claim 13, Stites et al. teaches in figures 1-4 an aircraft antenna (10) as in claim 12, wherein the second radiator (20) is a patch radiator and the first radiator is a cable radiator.

Regarding claim 14, Stites et al. teaches in figures 1-4 an aircraft antenna (10) as in claim 12, wherein the second radiator (20) is a patch radiator and the first radiator is a cable radiator, and the secondary radiations are harmonics of frequencies in the first band.

Regarding claim 15 Stites et al. teaches in figures 1-4 an aircraft antenna (10)

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as in claim 12, wherein the second radiator (20) is a patch radiator and the first radiator [54] is a cable radiator, and the patch radiator operates at a band of frequencies that includes the frequencies of one of GPS (i.e. GPS patch element/radiator).

Regarding claim 16, Stites et al. teaches in figures 1-4 an aircraft antenna (10) as in claim 12, wherein the housing (74) has an elongated shape to project from the surface of an aircraft and surrounding the cable radiator (54) and has an inverted cup cover (44) surrounding the patch radiator (20) and the filter (See FIG. 4) at the base (12) of the elongated shape.

Regarding claim 17, Stites et al. teaches in figures 1-4 an aircraft antenna (10) as in claim 25, wherein the suppression filter is a notch filter (See FIG. 4).

Regarding claim 22, Stites et al. teaches in figures 1-4 an aircraft antenna (10) as in claim 12, wherein the system (18, 19) includes a base (12) orienting the radiators (20, 54) into mutually limited coupled positions.

Regarding claim 23, Stites et al. teaches in figures 1-4 an aircraft antenna (10) as in claim 12, wherein the second radiator (20) is a patch radiator and the first radiator (54) is a cable radiator, and the secondary radiations are harmonics of frequencies in the first band; and the patch radiator (20) has a rectangular shape and the filter (See FIG. 4) is placed at the tip of the rectangular shape of the patch radiator.

Regarding claim 25, Stites et al. teaches in figures 1-4 an aircraft antenna (10), comprising: an aerodynamic housing structured (74) for attachment to an outer surface of an aircraft (See Abstract); a system (18, 19) in the housing, the system having an electromagnetic radiator (54, 20) and being tuned over a first band of frequencies

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potentially to produce secondary radiations in at least a second band of frequencies; the system having a suppression filter (i.e. notch filter, See FIG. 4) effective at frequency of the secondary radiations; the suppression filter including a plurality of filter sections(See FIG. 4).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

10. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

11. Claims 10-11 and 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stites et al. (Cited above) in view of Arevato (U.S. Patent No. 6,147,576).

Stites et al. teaches every features of the claimed invention in paragraph 9, except for the microstrip notch filter (i.e. the notch filter includes a circuit board).

Arevato teaches in figures 2-4 the microstrip notch filter (214).

In view of the above statement, It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to substitute the notch filter as shown in Stites et al. by using the microstrip notch filter as taught by Arevato in order to its electromagnetic response is determined by its dimensions (See col. 4, lines 8-11).

Allowable Subject Matter

12. Claim 24 is allowed.

13. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: See Office Action mailed on May 13, 2005.

Response to Arguments

14. Applicant's arguments filed July 27, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that the Stites patent fails to suggest system having a suppression filter effective at a frequency of the secondary radiation and including a low pass filter nor a plurality of filter sections in the suppression filter. This argument is not deemed to be persuasive because Stites teaches in figure 4, the suppression filter (i.e. notch filter) effective at a frequency of the secondary radiation and including a low pass filter (62, 55) and a plurality of filter sections (i.e. first order section and second order section) in the suppression filter.

Conclusion

15. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

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extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shih-Chao Chen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1819. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7 AM to 4:30 PM, First Fri. off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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